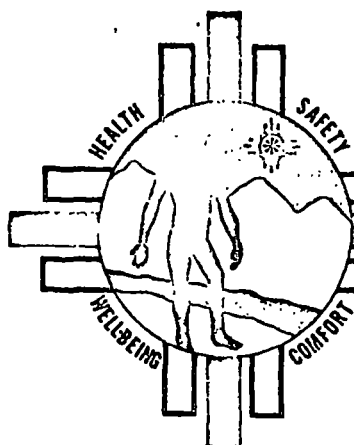


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August 13, 1976

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617 North First Street
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Authorized by: SC

Date: 6/25/13

Dear Mr. Beard:

Relative to the attached memorandum from Charles Northington, the following comments have developed.

With respect to the answer to question 3 on the second page under air pollution, the State Mine Inspector has agreed to do additional sampling under inversion conditions and is awaiting further guidance from this office.

With respect to the answer to question 5 contained on page 3, a period should be added after NO, the word "while" scratched and the following statement entered:

"Modeling will be used to screen for possible CO testing sites, near heavily traveled roads which would be the major point of concern for carbon monoxide."

I contacted Dr. Ellett, Sandia Laboratory, relative to blasting impacts which may be occurring in the Laguna area. He advised that a detailed evaluation of such impacts could cost in the neighborhood of \$40 to \$50 thousand dollars. However, a more minimally involved assessment may be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$4 to \$5 thousand dollars. As discussed with you, if the company did agree to provide the necessary data relevant to blasting and such could be reviewed by Dr. Ellett's office, the cost may be even less. However, permission to obtain the data will have to be obtained first of all from the mine before it can be pursued.



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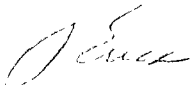
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Additionally, as per our discussion, we understand that:

1. Your office has taken samples of vegetables and food sources, i.e., cattle and sheep, located in an area south of the mine and sending such to EPA for analysis.
2. That your office and MESA are going to conduct noise surveys in the mines and community areas during periods of blasting by the end of the month.
3. That clay deposits in the ground were surveyed by your office with a scintillator and found not to be radioactive.
4. That fliers and posters, etc. have been disseminated from your office to the Laguna people discouraging the use of any over burden, sand, rock, etc. from the mine area.

Any comments which you have regarding this memorandum and the attached draft, please provide to Charles Northington, Environmental Protection Agency, 1600 Patterson, Dallas, Texas 75202, telephone 214/749-1911.

Sincerely,



RUSSELL F. RHOADES
CHIEF

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